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Application No.: 09/450,364 First Named Applicant: Luis Felipe Cabrera
 Examiner: Anya, Charles E. Art Unit: 2126 Status of Application: Final Rejection

Tentative Participants:

(1) Charles Anya (2) George Lewis
 (3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 11/3/03 Proposed Time: _____ (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) Telephonic (2) Personal (3) Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: YES NO
 If yes, provide brief description: Draft Claims

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
Rej. (1) _____	Claims 1, 6, 31	D'Errico US6457139	[]	[]	[]
Rej. (2) _____	Cls 11, 29, 30	Same	[]	[]	[]
(3) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]
(4) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]

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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Additional structure provided in claims distinguishes D'Errico.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

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Proposed claims:

1. (currently amended) A storage management system on a computer comprising a volume provider to map a logical storage volume onto one or more storage devices of an external storage subsystem, wherein the volume provider presents an application programming interface (API) for receiving storage access information that characterizes behavioral attributes of the logical storage volume.

6. (proposed) The storage management system of claim 1 wherein the volume provider configures the logical storage volume as a function of the storage access information and physical characteristics of the one or more storage devices of the external storage subsystem.

31. (newly proposed) The storage management system of claim 1, wherein the behavioral attributes are independent of physical characteristics of the one or more storage devices in the external storage subsystem.

11. (proposed) A method for managing one or more storage volumes of an external storage subsystem by a computer comprising:

receiving, via an application programming interface (API) presented by a volume provider on the computer, storage access information that characterizes volume behavioral attributes of one or more storage volumes; and

configuring, by the volume provider, one or more storage volumes of the external storage subsystem as a function of the storage access information and physical characteristics of the external storage subsystem.

29. (newly proposed) The method of claim 11, wherein receiving comprises:

receiving the storage access information from an application on the computer that does not have knowledge of the physical characteristics of the storage devices.

30. (newly proposed) The method of claim 11, wherein configuring comprises:

performing disk extent mapping, disk space allocation and mapping type selection based on the volume behavior attributes, wherein the storage access

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information that communicates volume behavioral attributes is independent of the physical characteristics of the one or more storage devices in the external storage subsystem.